

CONSTITUTION OF THE UNIVERSITY HALL (KATANGA) JUNIOR COMMON ROOM.

(AS REVIEWED – 2010)

PREAMBLE

WHEREAS it is deemed necessary to streamline the res-publicae of University Hall,
TAKING COGNISANCE of the fact that we have passed a complete history of development and experience,
RECOGNISING that the prestige and progress of this Hall if we rest not, shall be on the ascendancy,
BELIEVING that the destiny of the University lies with solidarity, positive dynamism and for that matter in 'Katangeeism',
AND WHEREAS the need has been felt that the placing of checks and balances on the JCRC and regulate the activities of the activities of the JCR is an essential prerequisite for the effective governance and meaningful progress;
NOW THEREFORE, we do hereby enact, adopt and promulgate this constitution to establish a framework upon which members shall be governed both collectively and individually

CHAPTER ONE

ARTICLE 1

SUPREMACY

(1) This constitution shall be the supreme law of the University Hall Junior Common Room and is subject only to the constitution of the Students Representative Council.

(2) Notwithstanding clause (1), this Constitution shall be subject to the Constitution of Ghana, laws of Ghana, the Act establishing this University and all laws made under their authority

SOVEREIGNTY

(3) The sovereignty of the Hall resides in the students governed by the Junior Common Room in whose name and for whose welfare the powers of the University Hall are to be exercised in the manner and within the limits laid down in this Constitution.

ARTICLE 2

NAME AND MOTTO.

- (1) a. The name of the students' body of University Hall shall be known as the Junior Common Room of University Hall hereinafter referred to as the JCR.
- b. The motto of the University hall shall be "REST NOT".
- c. The JCR shall take all necessary action to ensure the full realization of the motto of the hall.

ARTICLE 3

MEMBERSHIP

- d. All persons 'in status populari' of Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology, Kumasi assigned to University Hall referred to as KATANGEEES, FELLOWS or FELLOW KATANGEEES and other resident of the Hall shall be members of the JCR.
- e. Alumni of this hall shall also be regarded as past members of the hall.

CHAPTER TWO

ARTICLE 4

JUNIOR COMMON ROOM COUNCIL

- (1) There shall be the Junior Room Committee
- (2) The JCR shall on the coming into force of this constitution take cognizance of the following:
 - a. The JCR shall be governed by a Junior Common Room Committee hereinafter referred to as the JCRC.
 - b. The JCRC shall be a representative council of members of the University Hall JCR and shall be made up of an Executive Council and the Executive Officers.
 - c. The JCRC shall be accorded the responsibility of executing all policies of the JCRC and the entire JCR.
 - d. The JCR shall be the highest decision making body.

ARTICLE 5

THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

- (1) There shall be the executive council which shall consist of --
 - a. President
 - b. Vice President
 - c. General Secretary

- d. Financial Secretary

ARTICLE 6

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

(1)The executive Officers shall include--

- a. Line Representatives
- b. Sports Committee Chairman
- c. Entertainment Committee Chairman
- d. Canteen Committee Chairman
- e. Editor-In-Chief
- f. Local NUGS Representative.
- g. Monitoring and Fundraising Committee Chairman.
- h. Sanitation and Development Committee Chairman

ARTICLE 7

INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES

(1)There shall be the establishment of Independent Committees who shall be charged with the responsibility of ensuring the upright governance of this hall.

(2) Neither the Executive council nor the Executive officers nor any person acting under the authority of the Executive council nor any other person whatsoever shall interfere with the work of these committees

(3) The independent committees of this hall shall include--

- a) Judicial Committee
- b) Audit Committee
- c) Electoral Commission

ARTICLE 8

AIMS AND OBJECTIVES

(1)The directive principles of the hall's policy shall guide all KATANGEES, the Executive council, the Independent committees and any other bodies or person in applying or interpreting this constitution and implementing any policy decisions, for the establishment of a just and free KATANGA

- a. The hall shall, in particular, take all necessary steps to accomplish the following objectives.
- b. To ensure good governance and to promote and uphold the prestige and name of the Hall.
- c. To promote the educational, cultural, social and sporting activities of the JCR.

- d. To foster a friendly relation between the JCR and the Senior Common Room, hereinafter referred to as SCR.
- e. To act as a liaison between the JCR and the Students' Representative Council, hereinafter referred to as the SRC.
- f. To foster closer relationships with other Halls of this University and other institution(s)/group(s) of people elsewhere, through sporting, social, academic and cultural affiliations.
- g. To formulate/prescribe rules and regulations in seeking to improve upon the welfare and the conduct of the members of the JCR within the Hall and elsewhere. Such rules and regulations shall be endorsed by the JCR and clearly stated. It should be attached as a schedule to the consultation.
- h. To offer a common forum for the discussion of students' problems and generally develop a spirit of solidarity among the members of this Hall and
- i. To advertise the JCR on matters relating to the general welfare of students of the Hall.

CHAPTER THREE

DUTIES OF OFFICE

ARTICLE 9

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

(1) The duties of the executive council shall include the following:

- a. It shall be responsible for the daily administration of the JCR.
- b. The Executive Council shall ensure the implementation of all decisions of the JCRC and JCR.
- c. The Executive Council shall be responsible to the JCR in the performance of its duties.

ARTICLE 10

PRESIDENT

(1) The executive authority of the hall shall be vested in the president and shall be exercised in accordance with the provision of this constitution.

(2) The president in the performance of his function shall:

- a. Preside over all meetings of the JCR, the JCRC and the Executive Committee.
- b. Be responsible for coordinating the functions of the JCRC.
- c. Together with the Financial Secretary, countersign all cheques.
- d. Be the Hall's chief lineman with the SRC until he resigns, dies becomes incapacitated or withdrawn.
- e. Be a member of the UNICASSAR Executive and shall be the Secretary General when the Hall is Host.

- f. Represent the JCR on the SRC Parliamentary Council.
- g. He shall be the Commander-in-chief of the University Hall Cadet Corps
- h. Represent the JCR on the Hall council.

ARTICLE 11

VICE PRESIDENT

(1) There shall be a Vice President of the hall who shall perform such functions as may be assigned to him by this constitution or by the president.

(2) The Vice President in the performance his duties shall:

- a. Be responsible for all welfare issues and be the Chairman of the Welfare Committee.
- b. Coordinate the activities of all sub-committees of the JCRC.
- c. Deputize in the absence of the President.
- d. Assume the mantle of Presidency in the case of the death, withdrawal, resignation or absence for good of the President until new elections for the Presidency are held.
- e. Represent the JCR on the Welfare Board of the SRC

ARTICLE 12

GENERAL SECRETARY

1) The General Secretary shall in the performance of his duty execute the following functions:

- a. At all meetings of the JCR, the JCRC and the Executive Committee, keep and present accurate records of all the proceedings.
- b. In consultation with the President be responsible for all correspondences of the JCR.
- c. In consultation with the President, convene meetings of the JCR , JCRC and the Executive Committee.
- d. Compile an attendance list for all meetings.
- e. Be the Public Relations Officer of the hall.
- f. Represent the JCR on the Hall Council

ARTICLE 13

THE FINANCIAL SECRETARY

(1) There shall be a Financial Secretary

(2) The Financial Secretary shall-

- a. Keep records of all monetary transactions of the JCR, be responsible for drafting the JCR's budget in consultation with Committee Chairmen and the Executive Committee at the beginning of each semester.

- b. demand accounts covering all functions organized by any committee of the JCR and within one month, publish the statement of accounts for the notice of the entire JCR.
- c. collect, after every function organized by the JCR, and pay the said amounts into the appropriate account.
- d. together with the President countersign all cheques.
- e. make available to the Audit Board the outstanding accounts of the JCR for auditing.

CHAPTER FOUR

EXECUTIVE OFFICERS AND COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 14

THE SPORTS COMMITTEE

- (1) There shall be a Sports committee which shall comprise all sports captains of the various games.
- (2) The Sports Committee shall be responsible for the sporting activities of the JCR.
- (3) There shall be a Chairman for the Sports Committee.
- (4) The functions of the Chairman shall be-
 - a. responsible for coordinating all sporting activities of the JCR,
 - b. represent the JCR on the Sports Union.

ARTICLE 15

ENTERTAINMENT COMMITTEE

- (1) There shall be an Entertainment Committee which shall consist of the Chairman and four other members.
- (2) There shall be a Chairman of the Entertainment Committee who shall manage the affairs of the committee.
- (3) The functions of the Chairman shall be-
 - a. responsible for the provision and maintenance of Entertainment gadgets,
 - b. responsible for indoor games and the upkeep of the JCR (Centre Page) and the T.V Room,
 - c. represent the JCR on the SRC Entertainment Board.
- (4) The functions of the Entertainment Committee shall be:
 - a. responsible for all matters regarding entertainment for the JCR including indoor games and other entertainment activities.
 - b. be responsible for the upkeep of the JCR and the Games room. The former shall be executed jointly with the Canteen Committee.

ARTICLE 16

THE CANTEEN COMMITTEE

- (1) There shall be a Canteen Committee which shall consist of five members including the Chairman.
- (2) There shall be a Chairman of the Canteen Committee who shall ensure and supervise all the functions of this Committee as elaborated in clause (1) of this article.

- (2) The Canteen Committee which shall-
 - a. supervise the activities and services of the dining hall, canteen and the JCR (center page) and food sellers in and around the vicinity of the Hall.
 - b. ensure strict enforcement of sanitary rules of the canteen and any other food serving grounds within the Hall.

ARTICLE 17

SANITATION AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

- (1) There shall be a Sanitation and Development Committee which shall be responsible for the development and sanitation issues of the hall.
- (2) The composition of the Sanitation committee shall be-
 - (a) the chairman and
 - (b) other four members,
- (3) The Chairman for this committee shall in consultation with the Executive Council enact by-laws that will ensure cleanliness of the hall.

ARTICLE 18

THE EDITORIAL BOARD

- (1) There shall be an Editorial Board which shall consist of-
 - a. the Chairman who shall be the Editor-in-Chief,
 - b. two deputy chairmen and
 - c. five other members.
- (2) There shall be an Editor-in-Chief who shall be the head the Editorial Board.
- (3) The Editor-in-Chief shall-
 - a. deputize in the absence of the Hall Secretary in performance of the functions elaborated in article 12 of this constitution and
 - b. represent the JCR on the SRC Editorial Board.
- (1) The Editorial Board shall together with the office of the Secretary, be responsible for the publication and execution of its policies except of finance and the tidiness of notice Boards.

ARTICLE 19

LOCAL NUGS REPRESENTATIVE

(1) There shall be a Local NUGS Representative who shall serve as the main link between the local NUGS council of the University and the National Secretariat on one hand and the JCR on the other hand.

(2) The Local NUGS Representative shall-

- a. be in charge of issues concerning the processing of the Students Loan.
- b. Brief the JCR on the stand of the leadership of NUGS on pertinent issues confronting the students.
- c. attend the annual NUGS congress and or any NUGS organized program with the express consent of the JCRC and or the Local NUGS council.
- d. Present a report on any NUGS sponsored or organized program he attends to the JCRC and also for publication on the Hall's Notice Board(s).
- e. Collate the opinions of the Hall members with the view of making an input at the Local NUGS council or Congress.

ARTICLE 20

WELFARE COMMITTEE

(1) There shall be a welfare committee which shall be responsible for all welfare services in the Hall.

(2) The Welfare Committee shall consist of-

- a. the Vice-President as the Chairman and
- b. the Line Representatives as members

(3) The committee may assign specific welfare issues to some members of particular lines.

(4) The committee shall make arrangements for donation on behalf of the JCR in case of the death of a fellow.

(5) Line representatives shall be the chief welfare officers of their lines.

(6) Lines below shall be categorized as:

(a) Lower Annex 1 – 48, Upper Annex 49 – 96, Zongo 1M – 34M, Middle East 35M – 68M, Upper East 117M – 150M, Lower Bridge 69M – 82M,

(b) Upper Bridge 151M – 164M, Zongo Annex 83M – 116M, Wild Wild West 165M – 189M.

ARTICLE 21

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

(1) The JCRC shall appoint an ad hoc Disciplinary Committee with a membership of four from among the JCR as and when the need arises,

(2) Where any executive member or any three other JCRC member(s) is/are are directly involved in any issue of disciplinary nature to be investigated by the disciplinary committee, the right of appointment of members of the disciplinary committee shall rest with the JCR convened to discuss the issue

(3) The Chairman of the committee shall be the Hall's Judicial Committee Chairman

(4) The composition of the committee shall be published for the general notice of members

of the JCR and any objections to the inclusion of any member(s) of the committee shall be entertained by the JCRC provided that such an objection is filed not later than 24 hours after the time of publication.

(5) The objection shall be summoned to probe the element of bias or peculiarly interest in the members at a special meeting of the JCRC after which a review of the composition shall be effected if the true case has been established.

INDEPENDENT COMMITTEES

ARTICLE 22

AUDIT COMMITTEE.

- a. There shall be an Audit Committee which shall be composed of five (5) members who shall be elected for a term of one (1) year through an election organized JCR at first general meeting of the first semester.
- b. Members shall be elected from amongst the JCR membership.
- c. The candidate with the highest number of votes shall be the Chairman of the committee.
- d. Auditing of the Hall's account(s) shall be done at the end of every semester and in the case of the second semester it shall be done before handing over.
- e. The Executive Committee in power shall ensure that an audit board is constituted and shall audit all outstanding accounts and present a report later than one week.
- f. The audit committee shall work under the guidance and supervision of the Hall Bursar and shall submit their report to the Executive Committee.
- g. The board shall call executives under the Chairmanship of the auditing board to discuss its findings.
- h. The board shall after the session with the executives cause the publication of the final report.
- i. Without prejudice to any provisions in this article, any accusations made against a member of the JCRC or JCR shall be referred to the Judicial Committee.

ARTICLE 23

THE JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

CHAIRMAN

- a. The Chairman of the Judicial Committee, herein after referred to as the JC, shall be appointed by the President subject to the approval of the vetting committee responsible for selecting members for the JCRC.
- b. He should normally have served actively in any former Judicial Committee in the University or have pursued or is pursuing a course in law.
- c. Members of the committee shall be selected in respect of Article (a)
- d. The composition of the committee shall be published for the general notice of the members of the JCR and any objections to the inclusion of any members of the committee shall be entertained by the JCR provided that such an objection is filed not later than 24 hours after the time of publication.

- e. The objection shall be summed to prove the element of bias or pecuniary interest with the committee members at a special meeting of the JCR and the JC after which a review of the composition shall represent the JCR on the SRC Judicial Council.
- f. The J.C shall without prejudice to any provision of this constitution appoint co-opted members when deemed necessary for the expedient dispensation of Justice.
- g. Co-opted members shall not have the right to vote on decisions pertaining to the Committee and shall not be empanelled to sit on a case before the committee.

2. JURISDICTION

The Judicial Committee shall have jurisdiction in the following matters:

- a. Those relating to the enforcement or interpretation of any provision of this constitution.
- b. In matters where it is alleged a person or body of person have acted ultra vires or abused the powers conferred on him/them by this constitution or any other provision for the time being in force.
- c. Electoral disputes arising out of any election organized in the Hall.

3. HEARING

- a. The hearing of the Committee shall be in public unless otherwise determined by the Chairman.
- b. The Committee shall have the power to subpoena any member of the Hall to appear before it and to issue any prerogative writs such as Quo Warranto, Certiorari, Mandamus, etc.
- c. All cases that cannot be handled by the Judicial Committee may be referred to the SRC Judicial Council after consultation with the Executive Committee of the JCR.
- d. The Committee shall not be subject to the direction of anybody or persons in the execution of its duties except on matters of finance.
- e. For the purpose of hearing a case, not less than five members including the Chairman shall duly constitute the Committee.
- f. In the absence of the Chairman, the members shall elect a Chairman from amongst themselves.
- g. The University Hall Petitioning Code shall govern all procedures of the Judicial Committee.

4. SECURITY OF TENURE

- a. Once constituted, members of the committee can only be removed by a written consent of two-thirds (2/3) majority of the JCR members on proven grounds of any of the following,
 - I. Failure to perform duties as detailed by this constitution.
 - II. Gross misconduct incongruous to his high office and
 - III. Death or infirmity of the brain.

ARTICLE 24

ELECTORAL COMMISSION.

- a. There shall be an independent Electoral Commission made up of five (5) members including the Electoral Commissioner, which shall be responsible for the conduct of all elections and referenda in the hall.
- b. The Chairman shall be appointed subject to the approval of the vetting committee responsible for selecting members for the JCRC herein after referred to as the E.C.
- c. The Electoral Commission shall stipulate rules and regulations to govern elections in accordance with the provisions of the reviewed SRC constitution.
- d. Rules and regulations for the conduct of elections shall be published on the notice boards of the hall at least seventy-two (72) hours before the start of the electoral process.
- e. The electoral Commission shall be independent in the performance of its duties as spelt out in this constitution except of finance.

CHAPTER FIVE

ELECTIONS AND APPOINTMENTS

ARTICLE 25

ELECTIONS

1. Election of members of the Executive Committee and line representatives shall be held:
 - a. in the second semester in compliance with the SRC elections program for the academic year.
 - b. under the general supervision of the Electoral Commissioner who shall be the JCR representative on the SRC Electoral Commission and Chairman of the JCR Electoral Commission.

2. NOMINATIONS

- a. Candidates for the positions of President, Vice President, Secretary and Financial Secretary shall have at least four proposers from each line in the hall, whose signatures shall appear on the nomination form of the candidate in question.
- b. The person nominated shall certify on the nomination form that he has consented to be nominated.
- c. Each nomination form shall specify the capacity in which the candidate wishes to serve and the candidate shall be eligible for that post only.
- d. Nomination forms, duly filled, shall be handed over to the Electoral Commissioner in person before the or on the close of nomination.
- e. A candidate whose nomination form is submitted later than the date specified shall be disqualified.
- f. Where nomination forms are submitted by anyone other than the candidate in question prior notice shall be given to the Electoral Commissioner.

3. ELECTION PROCEDURE

- a. The provisions of this constitution shall guide the conduct of all elections in the hall.
- b. All elections shall be by secret ballot.

- c. Ballot papers with the list of candidates for the respective positions contested shall be handed to all eligible voters.
- d. There shall be one ballot paper only for all positions being contested.
- e. For each of the positions referred to in section 2(a) supra, a simple majority shall be required to win an election.
- f. The principle of one man one vote shall apply during all elections in the hall.
- g. There shall be no voting by proxy.
- h. In the event of a tie, there shall be a fresh election for the leading candidates.
- i. The Electoral Commissioner shall declare provisional results soon after counting the ballots cast and until such results are challenged as provided for under this constitution, the Electoral Commissioner shall declare the final results within forty eight (48) hours after counting.
- j. Provisional results of the elections can be challenged within twenty four (24) hours after the results have been made public to the Hall. No complaints shall be entertained after the expiration of the stipulated period and results so declared by the Electoral commissioner shall hold.
- k. If a challenge is upheld, fresh elections for the affected office(s) shall be held within one (1) week from the time of the Judicial Committee's decision.

4. ELECTION VALIDITY

- a. a. A simple majority shall be required to win an election and where only one candidate is nominated at the close of nominations preceding an election or a by-election, such a candidate shall have to obtain fifty percent plus one(50% +1)of the total valid votes cast during the elections to win the position thereof.
- b. In the case of all the posts being unopposed, candidates concerned shall have to obtain fifty percent plus one (50%+1) of total votes cast to win the position thereof.
- c. A Katangee shall be allowed to vote upon producing his KNUST student ID card or admission letter.
- d. In the absence of the KNUST student ID or admission letter, the said katangee shall be allowed to vote only upon producing evidence which the Electoral may deem substantial.
- e. For the avoidance of doubt, all members of the JCR and affiliates of the Hall who satisfied their financial obligation to the Hall shall have the right to vote in all elections.

ARTICLE 26

VETTING AND REPORT

- a. Before manifesto presentation, a report from the vetting of candidates contesting for any post shall be submitted to the JCR by way of publicizing on the Hall's notice boards and such report shall not give the ranking of the candidates.
- b. Any candidate who wishes to contest for office shall submit himself to the

electoral commission for thorough vetting in accordance with the provisions of this constitution.

c. The vetting Committee shall have the right to recommend or not to recommend any candidate(s) screened.

d. For the avoidance of doubt 'not recommended' does not mean 'disqualified'

e. For the avoidance of doubt, any candidate(s) not recommended shall be presented to the JCR for voting.

f. One's right to challenge the vetting report is deemed forfeited if he does not do so within eight (8) hours after publication.

ARTICLE 26

ELIGIBILITY OF CANDIDATES

All candidates for election or appointment to any position in the Hall shall;

a. Be a Katangee/Fellow/Fellow Katangee.

b. Have spent at least an academic year as a resident in the Hall and shall not be in the final year.

c. Be a student pursuing a course of study in the University.

d. Be of sound mind and of no serious physical defect that would hinder the effective discharge of his duties.

e. Any student who has been found guilty of embezzlement and or misappropriation of funds or has behaved in such a manner as can be described detrimental to the good reputation of the student's population or tarnish the prestige of the Hall in particular or the university as a whole shall not qualify to contest elections into any office within the JCR.

f. A candidate for elections shall not be eligible for any office unless he resigns from any office he holds under the JCRC at least four days prior to the date of filing his nomination.

g. A candidate for election shall not be eligible; if it is proven that he has committed an election offense.

ARTICLE 27

PROVISO

a. Other election regulations shall be left to the discretion of the Electoral Commission and shall be published for the general notice of the JCR at least a week before the Elections.

b. Such regulations as stated in (a) shall not be inconsistent with any provisions of this constitution.

ARTICLE 28

ELECTION OFFENCES

The following shall be deemed election offences, a breach of which shall constitute grounds for disqualification in the case of a candidate.

1. A person commits an electoral offence if he;
 - a. sells, offers for sale or purchases a ballot paper;
 - b. is found in possession of an officially marked ballot paper if he is not designated to be in possession of such a ballot paper;
 - c. destroys, takes or otherwise interferes with a ballot box or ballot paper intended to be used;
 - d. prints a ballot paper without authority;
 - e. attempts to vote on behalf of another person whether with or without authorization;
 - f. directly or acting through another person bribes or attempts to bribe another to vote or refrain from voting;
 - g. treats or attempts to treat another, for purposes of influencing voting by that person or on account of that person having voted in a particular way.
 - h. unduly influences or attempts to unduly influence another to compel or induce the person from voting in a particular way.
 - i. obstructs or attempts to obstruct the free exercise of franchise by other persons;
 - j. seeks to excite or promote disharmony, hatred, or enmity against another person or group of persons by words, written or verbal, songs, or through any other medium;
 - k. organizes persons or group of persons with the intention of training them in the use of force, violence, be it physical or verbal against other persons;
 - l. seeks to influence voting pattern in whatever manner within 100 meters of polling station
 - m. interferes or obstructs an electoral officer in the performance of his official duties.
 - n. engages in double voting
2. Any candidate or a duly recognised agent may petition the Judicial Committee and copied to the Electoral Commission in the event of a breach of the provisions under clause (1) of the electoral offences.
3. The Judicial Committee shall order the Electoral Commission to investigate the allegation stated in the petition referred to in clause (2).
4. the electoral commission shall submit the recommendation to the Judicial Committee who shall within 48 hours decide on the merits of the recommendation.
5. Contravention of any of the procedures specified under this constitution and any other

regulations published by the Electoral Commission in accordance with article 24(a) of this constitution shall constitute an election offense and offenders shall be disqualified from contesting the particular elections.

ARTICLE 29

BYE – ELECTIONS

- a. Without prejudice to the provisions of this constitution, relevant bye elections shall be held to fill any vacancies created by virtue of any provisions of this constitution.
- b. Bye elections shall be held within two (2) weeks of the creation of such vacancies.

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- c. Where the vacancy is created five (5) weeks prior to the general elections, the Executive Officers shall appoint an officer to act in the capacity in respect of which the vacancy has been created.
- d. No member of the JCRC shall be eligible to contest a bye-election without first resigning his office.
- e. Relevant bye-elections shall be held to fill the vacant offices created by the resignation under the provision in article 33 within seven (7) days of resignation of such offices.
- f. The rules governing all bye-elections shall be the same as provided for this Constitution.

ARTICLE 30

APPOINTMENT

- a. The Executive Committee elect shall immediately after its election advertise for interested persons to submit their names for the membership of committees created by this constitution and any others that the Executive Committee shall by majority decision determine.
- b. The President- elect shall appoint the Chairmen of the various committees subject to the approval of the JCR.
- c. For the formation of the various committees of the society, there shall be a five (5) member vetting committee which shall be appointed by the Executive Committee.
- d. The Chairman of the vetting committee shall be the out going member of the Judicial Committee

CHAPTER SIX

ARTICLE 31

FINANCE

- 1) In order to ensure a sound financial base of the hall:
 - a. Each student in the Hall shall pay JCR dues per academic year at a rate approved by the JCR meeting of the preceding year.
 - b. Signatories to the JCR funds shall be President, Financial Secretary and the Hall Master or Senior Hall Tutor or the Bursar of the Hall.

- c. All JCR accounts shall be audited and certified by the Audit Committee and JCRC respectively, before publication to the JCR members.
- d. The Hall Audit Board shall audit the account with the help of the Hall Bursar, and attach his report before publication to the JCR members.
- e. Should it be established that any member(s) of the JCR/JCRC has misappropriated some funds belonging to the JCR, the said member(s) shall be made to refund double the amount and or be expelled completely from the Hall.
- f. In the case of a JCRC member, he shall cease immediately to be in office.
- g. All monies or income made in the name of the hall must be paid into the JCR accounts.

CHAPTER SEVEN

CESSATION OF OFFICE

ARTICLE 32

IMPEACHMENT

- a. Any student shall by notice in writing addressed to the Judicial Council, and stating grounds for removal, commence impeachment proceedings against a JCRC member.
- b. Such a proceeding shall be authenticated by the signatories of at least twenty (20) people from each of the lines in the Hall.
- c. A copy of the proceeding s shall be served to the JCRC officer(s) whom such a proceeding has been preferred against at least two (2) days before the hearing of such a case.
- d. The Chairman of the Judicial Committee shall within 7 days on the receipt of such a notice of impeachment, convene a Judicial Committee meeting and ascertain the merits of such a proceedings.
- e. The outcome shall be copied to the JCR.
- f. If there is merits as per the decision of the Judicial Committee then the Judicial Committee Chairman shall within forty-eight hours (48) days cause a meeting of the JCR to decide on the issue through voting.
- g. Without prejudice to a provision of this Constitution, a JCRC officer(s) shall be removed from office on passing of a vote of no confidence by at least two-thirds (2/3) of the membership of the JCR.
- h. An officer so impeached shall forthwith cease to be a member of the JCR.
- i. Any vacancy created by virtue of any provision in this constitution shall be filled within 21 days after such vacancy is created.
- j. A review lies as of right to the Judicial Committee from any officer so removed.
An application for review (i) above shall be made within 72 hours.

Article 33

INTERDICTION

- (1) a. In the event of any member(s) holding offices in the JCRC or serving on a committee

or in any capacity appointed by the JCR/JCRC being involved in a case referred to the Judicial Committee, the member(s) shall automatically be interdicted indefinitely for his/their offices until the judicial Committee's report.

b. The Judicial Committee Chairman shall have the mandate to appoint a person or ad hoc committee to act during the period of interdiction referred to in clause 30(a) supra.

ARTICLE 34

(1) RESIGNATION OF OFFICERS

a. Any officer(s) of the JCRC except the members of the Executive Committee and the Editor-in-Chief may resign his/their posts voluntarily. Any such resignation should be communicated to the President in writing at least seven (7) days before the date of resignation.

b. Should any member(s) of the Executive Committee or the Editor-in-Chief apart from the President desire to resign, his/their intention should be known to the President under provision of clause (a) supra of this article and the President shall direct the Electoral Commissioner to conduct fresh Election.

c. Any officer(s) relinquishing his/their office(s) under clause (a) and (b) of this article shall hand over all documents and property of the JCR to the President within three (3) days of his/their resignation.

d. Should the President desire to resign, his intention should be made known to the entire JCR who on accepting his resignation shall empower the Electoral Commission to conduct fresh elections.

e. Any JCRC member who absents himself from three (3) consecutive JCR/JCRC meetings without explanation shall be deemed to have resigned from his office.

f. Should the entire JCRC desire to resign, the decision should be known to the JCR at least seven (7) days before the date of resignation. The JCR shall then empower the Electoral Commissioner to conduct a fresh election. The procedures and regulations in article 27 shall apply.

CHAPTER EIGHT

MEETINGS

ARTICLE 35

GENERAL MEETINGS

1. a. General meetings of the JCR shall be summoned within the third week of every semester to review the activities of the past semester and to present the programme of activities and the budget for the semester in question.

b. At such general meetings the Chairman of each Committee where necessary, shall submit a comprehensive report of his committee's activities for the past semester and his new policy and programme for the semester in question.

c. General meetings shall also be convened after the election of a new JCRC. d.

Notwithstanding clause a, b and c supra, there shall be at least 3 general meetings in a semester to brief members of the hall on matters concerning the Hall.

d. Notice of a General and purposed meetings and the agenda of such meetings shall be published on notice boards at least five (5) clear days prior to the scheduled time and date.

e. Minutes of such meetings shall be published within one (1) week by the Hall Secretary on notice boards of the hall.

Article 36

SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. a. Any notice for revision or amendment of any provision of this constitution shall be made to the Judicial Committee and published to the JCR.

b. The conditions referred to in section (a) supra, shall be that the member(s) requesting for the meeting append their signatures to a written request for the meeting and copy it to the notice boards in the Hall. They shall also participate fully in such a meeting.

c. Conveyers of special meetings shall submit to the President a written agenda for the meeting they are requesting.

d. The JCRC shall be empowered to invite any person(s) to partake in their meetings if they deem it fit.

e. In cases of emergency, the President may summon a general meeting at a twenty-four (24) hour notice.

Article 37

(1) COMMITTEE MEETINGS

a. The JCRC shall be called into session at the express request of the President or the Executive Committee or five (5) members of the JCRC this shall exclude independent officers.

b. A notice of such a meeting shall be submitted to the Secretary at least twenty (24) hours before the day of the meeting.

c. The JCRC shall be called into emergency session whenever the President deems it necessary.

d. The quorum for all JCRC meetings shall be five (5) members.

Article 38

QUORUM

1) a. For all General and Special meetings referred to in article 35, the quorum shall be 100 members of the JCR including the President and the Secretary.

b. In the absence of a quorum, a meeting shall not commence until thirty (30) minutes after scheduled meeting time.

c. Any decision taken at such a meeting shall be binding on all members.

d. Without prejudice to any provision of this constitution, a quorum for meetings to impeach an Executive Committee member shall be 60% of members.

Article 39

JCR DECISIONS

- 1) a. In the event that balloting is required for any decision-making at a meeting, the mode of balloting shall be at the judicious discretion of the President or Chairman.
- b. In the event where voting is required, the voting shall come on at most, forty-eight (48) hours after that decision to resort to voting has been made.
- c. This constitution mandates the Electoral Commission in consultation with the JCRC if the latter exists, to decide the duration and time of any particular voting.
- d. Any person(s) who circumvent(s) the constitutional provisions of petitioning the JCRC and resorts to unconstitutional means of causing dissention or dissenting in the face of a constitutional majority or binding decision of the JCR shall not be eligible for any official position in the hall.
- e. Without prejudice to any provisions of this constitution, a member(s) of the JCR may protest against any decision(s) and or actions of the JCRC internally with prior notification to the JCRC, Senior Common Room and such protest shall be publicized by the Editor-in-Chief on the Hall's official notice boards at least 48 hours before the scheduled time and date of the protest. Such protest shall not be violent otherwise the protestor(s) shall be deemed to have conspired to cause violence.
- f. Any person(s) who issues anonymous notice for protest shall be deemed to have conspired to cause violence and have committed violence and shall be either individually or collectively held responsible.
- g. In cases of very serious offences as shall be determined by the JCR, the JCRC on the advice of the JCR shall recommend non-residential status for such persons to the SCR.
- h. In the case of such an act (as specified in d supra), the person or such persons shall be made to appear before the Judicial Committee to tender in his or their defence.
- h. The JCRC shall not be individually or collectively held responsible for any act by anyone that is contrary to a decision of the JCR.

CHAPTER NINE

MISCELLANEOUS

Article 40

(1) INITIATION OF JCRC

- a. The outgoing President, in consultation with the Executive (elect), shall request the General Secretary to summon a special JCR meeting to take place within a fortnight after the election of new Executives into office. The SCR and the SRC

executives shall be invited and shall be present at this meeting. There shall be a FORMAL HANDING OVER at this meeting.

b. The Presidents of other Halls of UNICASSAR may be invited to the above **meeting**.

c. The President (elect) shall present his policy statement and programme at this meeting.

d. The JC, or such other person as the JC may appoint, shall administer all oaths of office except as otherwise provided by this constitution.

Article 41

(1) CADET CORPS

a. There shall be an army Cadet corps of the hall.

b. The Cadet Corps shall be called KATALION.

c. They shall be in charge of the security of the entire JCR.

d. The President, in consultation with the Cadet high command, shall upon assumption of office appoint a Commanding Officer.

e. The Commanding officer shall be in charge of the cadet corps and shall report directly to the President.

f. The Cadet corps shall perform such other functions as may be assigned to it by the Executive Council.

Article 42

(1) INTERPRETATION

a. In the event of a conflict, a provision of the SRC constitution shall take precedence over any provision of the contrary in this constitution to the extent of the conflict.

b. In the case of the ambiguity referred to under paragraph (a) of this article, the resolution shall lie in the domain of the SRC Judicial Council.

In this constitution, unless the context otherwise requires:

c. "UNICASSAR" shall mean the union of University Hall, Casely Hayford Hall and Mensah Sarbah Hall.

d. "KATANGEEISM" shall mean positive dynamism in relation to the beliefs and aspirations of the hall.

e. "KATANGA" as used in this constitution refers to the UNIVERSITY HALL, KNUST.

f. "Gross misconduct" as used in this constitution shall include: refusal to comply with decisions of the Executive Council, the JCRC or the entire JCR; fighting; and any other act which, in the opinion of the Judicial Committee, constitutes gross misconduct.

ARTICLE 43

(1) HALL COUNCIL

a. There shall be a hall council on which the JCR is represented.

b. The Hall Council shall be the supreme legislative and executive organ of the hall.

ARTICLE 44

(1) AMENDMENTS/REVISION

- a. This constitution shall be either *in toto* or in part altered or expunged, added or otherwise amended at a General meeting of the JCR convened strictly for that purpose provided that a written notice of such amendment(s) is/are published for the perusal of the members of the JCR.
- b. Any proposals to revise or amend any part or parts of the constitution shall, in written form, be delivered to the General Secretary fourteen (14) clear days before the day of the meeting at which such proposals are to be discussed.
- c. The JCRC Secretary shall advertise the proposed amendment(s) for at least seven (7) days on all of the notice Boards in the Hall.
- d. A motion duly tabled shall affect final amendment.
- e. The votes of at least two-thirds majority of members of the JCR present at a quorate meeting shall be empowered to effect the amendments. This shall be in a form of a referendum.

ARTICLE 45

(1) HONORARIUM

- a. Certificates of honour and merit shall be presented to deserving JCRC members at the end of their tenure of office.
- b. The Executive Council shall identify and honour dedicated members of the hall.
- c. A befitting end-of-service benefit, to be decided by the hall Council, must be given to the Executive Committee.
- d. Deserving JCRC members shall be determined by an ad hoc committee comprising five members of the JCR, set up by the JCRC

ARTICLE 46

(1) OTHER PROVISIONS

- a. No member(s) of the JCR shall issue any statement to the public or to a section exterior to the JCR membership without the knowledge and authorisation of the JCRC.
- b. All committees, apart from those on welfare and sports, shall comprise a maximum of five (5) members and a minimum of three (3) members.
- c. Revision of this constitution may be done every five (5) years.
- d. The University Hall shall have an insignia, which may be used during handing over ceremonies and other ceremonial programs of the hall.
- e. Notwithstanding any provision to the contrary, no part of this constitution shall be altered or excluded nor shall any provision be added to the contents in the process of reprinting this revised edition of the constitution unless where a constitutional review or amendment has been made.
- f. For the avoidance of doubt, residents of SHABA hostel are not part of the JCR and

are therefore not recognized by this constitution and must not partake in any constitutionally mandated activity of the JCR.

g. In the unfortunate case of the dissolution of the entire JCRC, the Judicial Committee, in consultation with the SCR, shall form an interim committee to administer the Hall until fresh elections are held and the Judicial Committee Chairman shall be the chairman of that committee.

h. With respect to section (g) supra, elections shall be conducted by the SRC Electoral Commission.

i. Until the proper process of change of signatories as prescribed by legal banking procedures, no other means should be used to access the JCR accounts.

FORMS OF OATH

THE PRESIDENTIAL OATH

I,....., having been elected to the office of President of the University Hall, do (in the name of the Almighty God swear) (solemnly affirm) that I will bear true, faith and allegiance to the University Hall; and that I will preserve, protect and defend the constitution of this Hall. I further solemnly swear that, should I at any point in time break this oath of office, I shall submit myself to the laws of this Hall and suffer the penalty for it. So help me God.

To be administered by the outgoing Judicial Committee Chairman.

THE JUDICIAL OATH

I,, having been appointed JC of the University Hall, do in the name of the Almighty God swear; that I will uphold the integrity of this Hall; and that, I will truly and faithfully perform my functions without fear or favour and; that I will at all times uphold, preserve, protect and defend the Constitution and laws of the University Hall. So help me God.

To be administered by the President

THE OATH OF EXECUTIVES

I,.....do in the name of the Almighty God swear that, I will at all times well and truly serve the University Hall, in the office of.....and that I will uphold, protect and defend the constitution of the University Hall as by law established. So help me God.

To be administered by the President

ADOPTED UNDER MY HAND ON THIS DAY **MARCH 28, 2013**

YEBOAH-AKOWUAH SILAS

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